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AT CEBU ALL MINESWEEPING HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. LIBERTY SHIPS ARE UNLOADING AT

THE DOCK. UNLOADING CONTINUED SLOWLY AT NEGROS DURING 30TH. PT'S SANK A LAUNCH AND BARGE IN

ZAMBOANGA AREA ON 29/30. NAVY SEARCHES SANK A SMALL AK OFF CHINA COAST ON 29TH. ANOTHER SEARCH PLANE

A PRIVATEER AND A TRACDER* WERE JUMPED BY 8 AGGRESSIVE OSCARS COVERING ENEMY SHIPPING IN SWATOW AREA.

PRIVATEER MADE FORCED LANDING ON TRITON ISLAND WHERE 12 SURVIVORS WERE LATER RESCUED. SEARCH PLANE

LOST 1 ENGINE. 1 OSCAR SET AFIRE. OFF FORMOSA 7 LOADED LUGGERS WERE DAMAGED BY PBLY.

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(COMTASKFOR 52 GIVES ACTION COM 5TH FLEET COMTASKFOR 51
INFO TASKFOR 51 (ECM HOLDERS))

CONSIDER PREPARATIONS AND PROSPECTIVE WEATHER WILL
PERMIT SUCCESSFUL LANDING ON OKINAWA TOMORROW IN
ACCORDANCE WITH PREFERRED PLAN. KEISE SECURED THIS
MORNING AND LANDING OF ARTILLERY COMMENCED. FURTHER
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BLUE SUMMARY 30TH.

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MINESWEEPING PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY AROUND OKINAWA WITH

2500 SQUARE MILES SWEEPED TO DATE. UDT RECONNAISSANCE AND
DEMOLITION WORK CARRIED OUT WITH ONLY SMALL ARMS OPPOSITION

THANKS TO EXCELLENT AIR AND GUNFIRE SUPPORT. NO SHIP DAMAGE
AND ONLY ONE MAN REPORTED WOUNDED. CLOSE RANGE BOMBARDMENT

OF BEACH DEFENSES. ALL SEAWALLS BREACHED. AIR SUPPORT
PLANES ALSO ATTACKED AIRFIELDS GUN POSITIONS BRIDGES AND

MIDGET SUB BASE AT UNTEN KO WHERE 4 PENS WERE HIT AND BURNED
AND 2 MTB DESTROYED. 2 VF AND PILOTS LOST. ALL SURVEY WORK

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ADAMS (DM 27) SPLASHED 1 JAP. 2 GROUPS OF JAP MTB'S MADE

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TF 57 RESUMES ATTACKS ON SAKISHIMA GUNTO TODAY.

NEUTRALIZING ATTACKS CONTINUED ON HAHA JIMA, PALAUS, TRUK, AND ROTA.

SOWESPAC.

5TH AIR FORCE REPORTS TOTAL SINKINGS OF NORTHBOUND CONVOY IN SOUTH CHINA SEA AS 35,000 TONS MERSHIPS AND 6,000 TONS WARSHIPS INCLUDING THOSE REPORTED YESTERDAY. ALSO 14 ESCORTING FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN.

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To: War Department

Nr: C 13285

31 March 1945

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur Chief of Staff War Department. C-13285. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/29th to 1500Z/30th signed MacArthur.

Part 1. China Coast:

One freighter 2000 tons three destroyer escorts sighted heading southwest off Amoy afternoon March 30th. Formosa:

Search planes March 30th reported destroyer escort and 10 seatrucks west Tainan, two medium one small freighter transport three escort vessels Keelung with medium transport entering harbour; photographs March 25th showed 28 single engined planes six twin engined Taichu, 55 single engined (50% trainers) five bombers Toyohara.

Hainan:

Reconnaissance plane reported in Yulin harbour March 30th at midday two destroyers six destroyer escorts one tanker three small freighters one other freighter with 12 Oscars covering.

New Guinea:

Enemy submarine reported vicinity Cape D'Urville.

Part 2. Naval:

PT boats with Corsairs destroyed barge and motor launch Dumanquillas Bay Mindanao March 30th.

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Air. Operations March 28th:

(1) 18 B 24's cratered Alicante and Malogo airdromes
Negros Island.

(2) 14 RAAF P 40's and 10 Spitfires attacked personnel
and installations Halmahera; eight Beaufighters strafed
airdromes Ceram Amboina; six RAAF P 40's strafed bivouacs
guns and supplies Vogelkpp Peninsula.

(3) RAAF B 24 from Darwin bombed Babo and Sagan
airdromes; two Beauforts raided enemy targets Newak.

Operations March 29th:

(4) Refer paragraph six preceding report:

Later details state 31 B 25's sank one tanker three
medium freighters one seatruck two destroyers two destroyer
escorts one petrol craft Indo China coast;

17 P 38's escorted B 25's;

4 P 38's met 11 enemy fighters shot down five prob-
ably destroyed two, damaged another.

(5) Three B 24's caused explosions at night Keelung
waterfront Northern Formosa, sank small freighter Shanghai.

(6) 19 B 25's destroyed five subchasers scored
direct hits one unidentified vessel near missed another,
caused fires and explosions Tashien waterfront, Formosa.

(7) 13 B 24's attacked Camalanugen concentrations
south Aparri;

Eight B 24's bombed Balete Pass;

25 P 38's dive bombed ammunition and supply dumps
Santa Fe.

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(8) Six B 24's cratered Fabrica airdrome Negros
Island;

18 B 25's on ground support Cebu hit ammunition
dumps barracks and gun emplacements;

Two B 24's and 10 P 61's on patrol in area.

(9) 18 B 24's reported excellent bombing pattern
Licanan airdrome Davao.

(10) One RAAF B 24 from Darwin harassed Kendari
airdromes at night.

(11) Nine Beauforts attacked enemy positions Wewak;
Four Beauforts hit Lemingi villages north Wide Bay
New Britain.

Operations March 30th:

(12) Patrol planes damaged one of 12 intercepting
fighters southern Hainan Island, damaged small freighter
transport east Hong Kong, destroyed seven luggers damaged
bomber northern Formosa.

(13) 18 B 25's damaged one destroyer escort one
medium freighter one subchaser one coastal vessel one large
schooner two barges Yulin Harbour. Sank large trailer off
Hainan coast, met 12 intercepting fighters;

Six other B 25's caused fires and explosions shore
targets;

One B 25 downed by anti aircraft fire, another lost
due bomb blast;

10 P 51's detailed escort forced return.

(14) Two B 24's caused tremendous explosions fuel

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storage tanks Keelung harbour Formosa before dawn;
23 day B 24's bombed Matsuyama airdrome and Des-
persals three planes set afire 6/10 others hit;
18 B 25's destroyed three large factories Toyohara
town, hit sugar refineries Taichu and Kobi, also hit rail-
yards and barracks Taichu strafed three seatrucks barges
and rolling stock.

(15) 17 B 24's destroyed large ammunition dump
Balete Pass;

40 B 24's bombed Little Bataan, Legaspi Fort area.
(16) 72 Dauntless left Solvec town in flames hit
gun positions and dumps Baguio Balete Pass;

4 B 25's and 53 A 20's caused fires Baguio with
smoke over 5,000 feet;

34 A 20's raided personnel areas Legaspi and hit
ground support targets Batangas area.

(17) 83 P 38's divebombed defense positions Balete
Pass, West Stotsenburg and near Ternate;

153 P 51's and 20 P 47's destroyed bridges Cagayan
Valley and radio station Vigan supported ground forces Villa
Verde Trail Marikina Batangas and Laguna De Bay areas;

30 P 38's, 62 P 47's, 32 P 51's, five P 61's, six
A 20's and one B 25 on patrol and escort.

(18) 30 A 20's and four P 47's raided dumps bivouacs
and gun emplacements Negros Island.

(19) 5 A 20's and 6 B 25's raided camps and enemy
held village Wewak.

(20) 12 B 24's from Madzeb bombed Tobera and

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Vunakanau airdromes Rabaul.

Solomons Forces. Air. Operations March 29th:
(21) Five Venturas eight Corsairs 15 B 25's attacked
gun positions bridges and personnel areas New Ireland;
24 B 25's bombed possible plane hideouts Vunakanau,
Six Venturas, 4 Corsairs and nine B 25's hit other
targets Rabaul area;
41 Corsairs demolished huts around Bougainville.

Lend. Luzon: Sixth Army: First Corps:
33rd Division occupied Santiago (106958), secured
high ground vicinity Galiano, 6100 yards northeast of Pugo,
and 3500 yards south and south southeast of Burgos, patrolled
East of Dagup (183 128) without contact;
32nd Division captured high ground 4200 yards
west northwest Imugan repulsed counter attack, attacked
enemy position 8000 yards west northwest of Imugan;
25th Division reorganized for resumption of ad-
vance north, repulsed enemy attack east of highway number 5,
encountered heavy fire 3800 yards east of Kapintalan.

XI Corps:
38th Division continued reduction of enemy posi-
tions vicinity Mount Dorst, eliminated all resistance Gab-
allo Island except two isolated positions;
6th Division advance north and northwest to posi-
tions 2800 yards northwest Mount Baytangan and 2000 yards

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southeast Mount Mataba where heavy enemy mortar fire forced withdrawal to cover;

43rd Division seized high ground 3500 yards north-east of New Bosoboso, mopped up Mount Quitago area.

XIV Corps:

1st Cavalry Division killed 165 enemy west of Malvar remainder pursued, destroyed enemy road block 1500 yards south Mount Olila, captured San Andres (0760110)

11th Airborne Division repulsed two counter attacks southwest of Dita, patrols moved to Old Rosario (068787) and contacted 1st Cavalry Division near Lipa.

Cumulative casualties to date:

United States: killed-4581, wounded-16,664,
missing-247;

Enemy: killed 96,563, captured 946,

Cebu: Eighth Army:

Americal Division against heavy resistance, holds line from race course to (282519) to position (278531) knocked out 99 pillboxes, gained slowly against strong positions 2700 yards north of Pardo, reconnoitered to Consolacion (340552) and along Butuanon River.

Cumulative casualties to date:

United States: killed 35, wounded 115, missing 4;
Enemy: killed 160, captured 10.

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Negros:
40th Division secured Bacolod and airfield pat-
rolled to Matabang River bridge (148965) and six miles
southeast of Sumag (099875), additional division units
unloading on beachhead.

Cumulative casualties to date:
Enemy: killed 64, captured 3;
United States: (incomplete): killed 1, wounded 1.

Mindanao:
41st Division encountered strong enemy position
2300 yards north of Pitogo River mouth (992394), repulsed
night attacks, patrolled from San Ramon (908462) to 5000
yards northeast of Kavit.

Cumulative casualties to date:
United States: killed 126, wounded 570, missing 18;
Enemy: killed 1845, captured 9.

Masbate:
Guerrilla forces following Naval bombardment landed
Masbate town, together with other guerrilla forces secured
town and high ground to the south.

Part 3. (1) Dropped 216 by 500 lb bombs from 8000 feet
(2) No details.
(3) B-24 dropped 6 by 500 lb bombs;

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Areas,
Leyte, Philippines.

Nr: C 13285 31 March 1945

Beauforts dropped 2 by 250 lb bombs fired 4700 rounds 30 calibre.
(4) Dropped an additional 53 by 500 lb bombs, fired 40,000 more rounds 50 calibre.
(5) no details.
(6) Dropped 144 lb bombs by 1000 lb bombs from 12,000 feet.
(7) From 8,000 feet; P 38's dropped 48 by 1000 lb bombs from 9000 to 2000 feet.
(8) B 24's dropped 72 by 500 lb bombs from 8000 feet; B 25's dropped 198 by 100 lb bombs from minimum altitude, met moderate light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
(9) Dropped 360 by 250 lb bombs from 8000 feet.
(10) Dropped 10 by 100 lb bombs plus beer bottles. Paragraphs 11 and 12 no details.
(13) 18 B 25's dropped 67 by 500 lb bombs, fired 38,600 rounds 50 calibre, met moderate to intense accurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.
(14) Two B 24's dropped 16 by 1000 lb torpe bombs; 23 B 24's dropped 5540 by 20 lb Frags from 10,000 feet, moderate to intense heavy some accurate anti aircraft fire; B 25's expenditure included 9 tons bombs 12,700 rounds 500 calibre.
(15) Dropped 133 by 1000 lb bombs from 10,000 feet Balete Pass; dropped 160 tons demos Legaspi.
(16) Dauntless dropped 36 tons bombs; A 20's dropped 51 tons demos Balete Pass; other A 20's dropped 22 tons parademos, 50 by 35 gallon napalms, fired 75300 rounds 50 calibre.

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(17) P 38's dropped 99 by 1000 lb bombs, 38 by 165
gallon napalms plus 8 tons type unstated; P 47's dropped
eight tons bombs; P 51's dropped 134 by 500 lb bombs, 288
by 100 lb napalms plus 18 tons type unstated, fired 117,800
rounds 50 calibre.

(18) A 20's dropped 21 tons bombs, fired 16,600
rounds 50 calibre.

(19) Dropped 44 by 300 lb bombs.

(20) Dropped 24 by 2000 lb, 48 by 1000 lb bombs from
9000 feet.

(21) B 25's dropped 138 by 1000 lb, 6 by 500 lb
bombs; Ventura dropped 50 by 500 lb bombs; Corsairs dropped
18 by 1000 lb, 28 by 500 lb bombs, 4 by 100 lb napalms
16 by 325 lb depth charges.

Allied Air Forces preliminary summary of sorties
March 29th:

443 Fighters

323 Bombers

53 others of which 390 Fighters, 236 bombers, 27
others flown in Philippines.

End.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S; CG AAF; ASF; G-2; Statistics; Adm King;
Col Park; Log

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FROM <u>CTF 52</u>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		COM 5TH FLT CTF 51	PRIORITY
DATE <u>31 MAR 45</u>	FOR ACTION		ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM <u>1124</u>			RRRRRRR
DECODED BY <u>SEVALD</u>			DEFERRED
TYPED BY <u>SEVALD</u>	INFORMATION	CINCPAC ADV HED TF 51 (ECM HOLDERS)	PRIORITY
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(CTF 52 SENDS ACTION COM 5TH FLT AND CTF 51. INFO CINCPAC ADV HED AND TF 51 (ECM HOLDERS)

CINCPAC/CINCPA ADVHED PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 310104.

SUMMARY AS OF 301800/1. LAST NIGHT SEVERAL BOGEYS IN AREA BUT ONLY 1 ATTACK REPORTED. IN THIS ADAMS (DM 27)

IN AREA W REPORTED SPLASHING 1 BOGEY. THIS DECREASE IN ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY MAY PROBABLY BE DUE TO NIGHT

INTERDICTION OF OKINAWA FIELDS BY NIGHT INTRUDERS FROM TG 52.1 AND MORE EFFECTIVE GUNFIRE ON FIELDS SINCE SHIPS

COULD USE CLOSER RANGES. SHIPS ON NIGHT PATROL OFF WESTERN OKINAWA ENGAGED 2 GROUPS OF ENEMY MTB'S WHICH

APPARENTLY PROCEEDED SOUTH FROM NAGO WAN AND AFTER FIRING TORPEDOES AT OUR SHIPS OFF PREFERRED BEACHES WERE TURNED

BACK. 1 ENEMY MTB SUNK POSSIBLY 1 SUNK. NO DAMAGE REPORTED TO OUR SHIPS. FOLLOWING AREAS HAVE BEEN SWEEP:

A 1, A1A, A1B A2 A3 A4 A5 A6 A6A A7, A8 A9
B1 TO 5 INCLUSIVE BC3 C2 C4 C5 C6 C7 D3 V1, V2 V3

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V4 V5. K1 N2. SWEEPING IN PROGRESS K5 C1 D2, Q4 Q5,
F4, W. PLANES BEING ENCOUNTERED IN D2. OCCASIONAL FLOATERS

STILL BEING SIGHTED AND SUNK. OVER 2500 SQUARE MILES SWEEP
THUS FAR. UDT'S CONDUCTED DEMOLITION PREFERRED BEACHES AND

DETONATED CHARGES THOUGH NO OBSTACLES ON DEMONSTRATION BEACHES.
ON PREFERRED BEACHES OVER 90% OF POSTS WERE REMOVED EXCEPT

ON BLUE BEACHES WHERE SHOT FAILED AND POSTS WILL BE
REMOVED TOMORROW MORNING. SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE ON

PREFERRED BEACHES NO OPPOSITION DEMONSTRATION. 1 MINOR WOUND
NO DAMAGE TO SHIPS. EXCELLENT SUPPORT BY SHIPS AND PLANES

FOLLOWING UDT OPERATIONS SHIPS VIGOROUSLY ATTACKED KNOWN AND
SUSPECTED DEFENSES FROM CLOSE RANGE THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON.

ALL SEAWALLS WERE BREACHED IN SEVERAL PLACES. CLOSE RANGE
BOMBARDMENT WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW AFTER UNDERWATER DEMOLITION.

IN ADDITION TO COVERING UDT OPERATION AIRCRAFT ATTACKED
AIRFIELDS AND GUN POSITIONS AND MADE SPECIALLY BRIEFED STRIKES

ON MIDGET SUB BASE AT UNTEN KO AND SPECIAL BRIDGES DESIRED
TAKEN OUT BY 10TH ARMY. 4 SUB PENS HIT AND BURNED AND 2 MTB'S

LOADED WITH TORPEDOES DESTROYED. AA INTENSE OVER NAHA. OUR
PLANE LOSSES 1 VF BY AA 1 VF BY COLLISION WITH ANOTHER VF WHICH

RETURNED SAFELY. 2 PILOTS LOST. CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES STORES
CAPTURED XAMAMI TOKASHIKI. TOTAL ENEMY CASUALTIES 331 KIA

100 POW OWN CASUALTIES 29 KIA 78 WIA 1 MIA. 310 SUICIDE BOATS
ACCOUNTED FOR. ARMY EQUIPMENT ESTIMATED LOST FROM FLOATING

WYANDOTT 42 VEHICLES AND TRAILERS 55 TONS SMALL ARMS AMMO
5000 ROUNDS ARTILLERY AMMO CONSIDERABLE QM CLASS 2 AND RATIONS.

AMMUNITIONING AND FUELING PROGRESSING WELL BUT SOMEWHAT

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HAMPERED BY SOUTHERLY SWELL. WORK COMPLETED. LANDING ON
KEISE DAYLIGHT TOMORROW. WEATHER MILD. CLOUDY. GENTLE

EAST SOUTH EAST WIND. 3 UNDERWATER CONTACTS TODAY 1 IN AREA
W 2 OFF PREFERRED BEACHES. SURVIVORS OF HALLIGAN STATE

CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS AND ECM EQUIPMENT DEFINITELY IN PART
OF SHIP WHICH WAS DESTROYED BY EXPLOSION AND SANK.

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FROM			pppppppp
RELEASED BY		CINCSWPA LEYTE, TARLAC	PRIORITY
DATE	30 MARCH 1945		ROUTINE
	2200/30		DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM	MONROE	COMINCH	
DECODED BY		CINCPAC GUAM	pppppppppp
TYPED BY	STEEN/Slutz	COM FIFTH FLT	PRIORITY
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COM SEVENTH FLT SENDS ACTION CINCSWPA LEYTE AND TARLAC INFO
COMINCH CINCPAC GUAM COM FIFTH FLT.

BY 1013 ON 29TH THE SECOND ASSAULT WAVE HAD LANDED ON NEGROS BUT UNLOADING WAVES WERE BEHIND SCHEDULE BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY TIDAL CURRENT ACROSS BOAT LAND. AT 1408/1 COMGEN 40TH DIV ASSUMED COMMAND ASHORE. YESTERDAY MORNING TWO LCS'S AND TWO LCI'S BOMBARDED MASBATE TOWN PRIOR TO OCCUPATION BY GUERRILLAS. PT'S ON 28/29 STRAFED CARABAO ISLAND WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. CLEARING OF HULKS AND DEBRIS FROM MANILA HARBOR CONTINUES. 160 FOOT ENTRANCE CHANNEL CLEAR TO DEPTH OF 30 FEET. ONE MARINER SHOT DOWN BY ENEMY FIRE DURING AIR ATTACK LAST NIGHT ON A SEVEN SHIP JAPANESE CONVOY SOUTH OF HAINAN OF WHICH ONE ENEMY DESTROYER WAS DAMAGED. OTHER PLANES ON 28/29 SANK THREE JUNKS AND SET THREE AFIRE IN PESCADIMKES* AREA. SEARCH PLANES ALSO SANK A SMALL AK OFF THE CHINA COAST SAME NIGHT.

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FROM CINCPOA ADV HQ		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		ALL COMMANDS INTERESTED IN COMBAT REPORTS	PRIORITY
DATE 31 MARCH 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM 0214			DEFERRED
DECODED BY MONROE		COMINCH	PRIORITY
TYPED BY DIEBEL/Boudreau		GHQ SWPA LEYTE	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY		COM 7TH FLT	DEFERRED
		CINC BPF	
		DEPCOM AF 20	
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CINCPOA ADV HQ SENDS. DEPCOM AF 20 HAS INFO.

BLUE SUMMARY 29.

RYUKYUS. ALL ISLANDS IN KERAMA RHETTO SECURE. ENEMY KIA 306 POW 99 ESTIMATED SEALED IN CAVES 140. OWN

CASUALTIES 24 KIA 61 WIA. FUELING AND AMMUNITIONING IN ANCHORAGE UNDERWAY. MARINES FROM SEAPLANE BASE NOW

EXECUTING ASP OPERATIONS. AT OKINAWA MINESWEEPING AIR SUPPORT FIRE SUPPORT AND UDT

RECONNAISSANCE APPROXIMATELY AS SCHEDULED. BETTER PROGRESS IN REDUCING DEFENSES REPORTED. 290 SUICIDE BOATS DESTROYED.

ENEMY REACTION LIMITED TO UNCOORDINATED PLANE ATTACKS AND SMALL BOATS. 32 JAP PLANES DESTROYED ON GROUND AND IN AIR

OF WHICH AT LEAST 4 WERE SUICIDERS. 4 OR 5 BOATS DESTROYED. LSM(R) 188 SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. WYANDOT (AKA92) HAS MINOR

DAMAGE FROM NEAR MISS. LCI(G) 558 OUT OF ACTION. TOTAL CASUALTIES REPORTED 11 KIA 3 MIA 42 WIA. SURVIVORS FROM

HALLIGAN NOW TOTAL 1 OFFICER 150 MEN OF WHOM 1 AND 20 WIA

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TF 58 OPERATED IN EMPIRE WATERS. NO DETAILS AVAILABLE.
TF 57 REPLENISHED. PROSPECTIVE ADDITIONS WITHIN NEXT 10 DAYS

ARE 1 ILLUSTRIOUS CLASS CV 1 UGANDA CLASS CL AND 5 DD.
DELAYED REPORT FROM CTG 50.8 STATES AYLWIN (DD355) AND THORN

(DD647) IN COORDINATED ATTACKS ON 25TH PROBABLY SUNK JAP SUB
AT 21-45N 128-14E.

SOWESPAC. SUCCESSFUL LANDINGS MADE ON 27TH ON CABALLO ISLAND
SOUTH OF CORREGIDOR TABLAS ISLAND NEAR MINDORO AND AT BOBO RIVER

IN SOUTH HALMAHERA, ON 28TH ON MACTAN ISLAND NEAR CEBU, ON
29TH ON WESTERN NEGROS. ATTACKS ON FORMOSA BY VHB FROM LUZON

CONTINUE. PLANES SANK 2 AO 2 DD AND 5 SMALLER SHIPS IN SOUTH
CHINA SEA. SUBS AND PLANES ARE COORDINATING ATTACKS ON NORTH-

BOUND CONVOY. FULL RESULTS TOMORROW.

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DATE 31 MARCH 1945			ROUTINE
FOR CODE ROOM			DEFERRED
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COM FIFTH FLEET ENCIPHERS AND PASSES CTF 58'S MAILGRAM 300211 TO CINCPAC ADVANCED FOR ACTION AS 310820.

PAC/POA ADVHED PASSED INFO COMINCH, PAC/POA HED PEARL AND DEPUTY COMMANDER 20TH AIR FORCE HICKAM FIELD AS 311832.

ON NIGHT OF 27/28 MARCH CRUICYS 16 AND 17 WITH DESTROYERS BOMBARDED MINAMI CAUSING FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS AND ON

28 MARCH TASK GROUP 58.3 HIT MINAMI WITH BIG STRIKE. GUN POSITIONS, BARRACKS, THREE WAREHOUSES, RADIO STATION

AMMUNITION DUMP AND SEVERAL SMALL BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED AND OTHER BUILDINGS DAMAGED. TASKGROUP 58.1 IN

ADDITION TO MISSIONS AT OKINAWA AS DIRECTED BY COMMANDER AIR SUPPORT FLEW SEARCH AND ATTACK GROUP ALONG EASTERN

KYUSHU AS FAR NORTH AS SAEKI WAN. SIGHTED NO MINESWEEPERS BUT SANK ONE DE, PROBABLY SANK THREE FTC AND DAMAGED ONE

DE, FOUR SD ALL OFF EAST COAST KYUSHU. ALSO SANK ONE FTC AT ANAMI. SHOT DOWN NINE PLANES PLUS GLIDER TOWED BY

ONE OF THEM AND DAMAGED TWO PLANES IN THE AIR. DESTROYED ON GROUND 11 PLANES WITH NINE PROBABLY DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.

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DAMAGED BUILDINGS AT TOKUNO, AMAMI, AND YAKU AND ONE HANGAR AND TWO SHOPS AT KANOYA. COMBAT LOSSES WERE FOUR PLANES AND TWO PILOTS. TWO PILOTS LOST OPERATIONALLY IN MID-AIR COLLISION. ON 29 MARCH TASK FORCE CONDUCTED UNSUCCESSFUL BADGER HUNT ALONG EAST AND WEST COASTS OF KYUSHU. SIGHTED ONE CA, ONE CL, NINE DD AT 34-02N 132-20E AND MUCH SHIPPING AT SASEBO INCLUDING SEVERAL DD OR DE AND POSSIBLY A CRUISER. STRIKES SANK ONE DE, THREE SB, FOUR FTD, TWO SC, ONE SD, FOUR LUGGERS. PROBABLY SANK SIX FTD, FIVE SD. DAMAGED ONE FTC, ONE SB, THREE SC, FIVE SD. WEATHER PREVENTED HEAVY STRIKES ON KANOYA KUSHIRA AND KANOYA EAST. OUR AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN 19 PLANES INCLUDING ONE SNOOPER BY NIGHT FIGHTER ALSO GOT TWO PROBABLES. GUNFIRE SPLASHED ONE PLURAL ENGINE JUDY FIVE PLANES WERE DESTROYED ON GROUND AND 29 PROBABLY DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. HANGARS, SHOPS AND BARRACKS WERE BURNED OR DAMAGED AT KAGOSHIMA, KANOYA, KUSHIRA, CHIRAN, TOJIMBARA AIRFIELDS AND IBUSUKI SEAPLANE STATION. THREE HITS ON MINAMATA CHEMICAL PLANT AND FIRES STARTED IN IBUSUKI RR DEPOT FOUR CARS. OUR LOSSES ABOUT EIGHT PLANES AND THREE PILOTS AND THREE CREWMEN IN COMBAT. FIVE PILOTS AND FIVE CREWMEN LOST OPERATIONALLY. TWO OF THE PILOTS WERE SHOT DOWN BY FRIENDLY AA WHILE CHASING JUDY INTO TASK GROUP 58.4 AND OTHER THREE PILOTS AND FIVE AIRCREWMEN WERE LOST AS RESULT OF FIVE PLANE MIDAIR COLLISION.

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To: War Department

Nr: C 13231

30 March 1945

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff
War Department C 13231. Operations report SOWESPAC Area.
1500Z/28 to 1500Z/29th signed MacArthur.

China Coast:

Large transport 5 small freighters reported AMOY
March 28th, medium freighter transport anchored off coast
east Ningpo following day.

Formosa:

Four freighter transports 1,000 tons to 3,000 tons
anchored Keelung March 28th.

French Indo China:

Medium freighter transport reported on southwesterly
course midday March 29th northeast Tourane, same time 12
vessel convoy attacked by B-25's, 50 miles northeast Quinhon,
3 hours later 4 escort vessels, 3 large unidentified ships
reported by search plane 100 miles southeast Tourane, 7
vessels located at midnight northbound 75 miles southwest
Sama (Hainan).

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Reconnaissance aircraft March 28th reported 20
fighters on airdrome near Tourane new strip under con-
struction nearby.

Celebes:

B-24 patrol sighted 8 planes Mandai strip, 3 taking
off Limboeng, tanker and 6 small freighters reported in
Gulf of Bone March 28th.

Southern Borneo:

Six ship convoy sighted on southerly course south-
west Lacet Island March 29th, 4 fighters airborne Oelin
Airdrome.

Part II

Naval:

PT boats strafed caves entrances and buildings
Carabao Island Manila Bay night March 28th.

Air.

Operations March 28th:

(1). Patrol B-24 destroyed 5 planes on airdrome
Tourane; 2 other B-24's sank large tanker, 3 luggers damaged
1 of 2 interceptors near Nhatrang; 20 P-38's shot down 9
of 20 fighters encountered same area, 1 P-38 lost, another

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missing.

(2). Predawn B-24's caused large explosion
Keelung docks northern Formosa; 24th day, B-24's bombed
Tainan Airdrome and town probably destroyed planes Lanka
strip adjoining.

(3). 18 B-24's over Luzon bombed Balete Pass;
38 P-38's hit motor pool supplies and ammunition and gun
positions Santa Fe.

(4). 12 B-24's on shipping strike southwestern
Celebes left seatruck listing badly and abandoned, damaged
2 schooners, 3 coastal vessels West Pomelaa, sank 1 destroyer
exploded and probably sank another destroyer damaged small
freighter Macassar area.

Operations March 29th:

(5). Search planes damaged freighter transport
Hongkong, sank 3 junks set 3 others afire north Pescadores,
blew stern off small freighter transport east Ningpo.

(6). Preliminary report B-25 noon strike
convoy 50 miles northeast Quinhon Indo China: sank 2
destroyers 1 destroyer escort 2 large freighters 1 large
tanker or whaling type vessel 10,000 tons probably sank
1 destroyer 1 destroyer escort damaged another large
freighter; 4 Mariners at night damaged 1 destroyer in

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convoy 80 miles south Hainan, 1 Mariner lost.

(7). 16 B-25's damaged barracks caused explosions Byoritsu Oil Refinery near Koryu northwestern Formosa, 1 B-25 missing; 18 A-20's raided Eiko Sugar Refinery southwestern Formosa demolished storage tanks and railcars adjoining.

(8). 24 B-24's bombed Legaspi Beach defenses Bicol Peninsula, 23 other B-24's caused explosions and fires Daraga town.

(9). 1 B-25 and 26 A-20's started many fires assigned targets Batangas area; 76 Dauntless exploded ammunition dumps Balete Pass fired fuel dumps near Vigan.

(10). 152 P-38's and 139 P-51's dive bombed targets Balete Pass Ipil and Tuguegarao areas, supported ground forces Villa Verde trail west Stotsenburg northeast Manila and southwest Ternate, hit gun positions Camalig Daraga and Legaspi, caused explosions and fires Rapu Rapu Island east Legaspi; 16 other P-38's weathered out; 31 P-38's, 26 P-47's, 26 P-51's, 3 P-61's and 3 B-25's on escort duty and patrols.

(11). 33 A-20's raided airdrome and supported ground forces Negros Island.

(12). 15 B-24's bombed Oelin Airdrome southern Borneo, met 2 intercepting fighters; 1 B-24 near missed and strafed seastruck west Macassar; 2 B-24's bombed Manado
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town northeastern Celebes.

(13). RAAF B-24 patrol from Darwin near missed
coastal vessel sank barge Flores Island.

Solomons Forces:

Air. Operations March 28th:

(14). 24 B-25's bombed gun positions Kavieng,
4 Venturas, 4 Corsairs, 3 Venturas raided personnel areas
New Ireland; 5 Venturas 10 B-25's bombed Matupi bivouacs,
2 Venturas 10 Corsairs harassed Rabaul; 6 B-25's attacked
personnel eastern Buka, 35 Corsairs raided targets of
opportunity Bougainville.

Land.

Luzon:

Sixth Army: I Corps: 33rd Division secured high
ground 6,000 yards northeast of Pugo advanced to points
1,500 yards southwest and 1,200 yards west of Galiano
(00890):

66th Philippine Infantry passed to control Command-
ing General I Corps attacked to 33rd Division occupied
positions 4,000 yards west of Kapangan (352050), and
vicinity of Burgos; 32nd Division repulsed 2 enemy counter
attacks Viftuferde trail proceeded by artillery, intensive

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patrolling elsewhere; 25th Division at Kapintalan eliminated all resistance on ridge 900 yards to the south southwest, made slight gains 2,000 yards southwest.

XI Corps: 38th Division continued reduction of positions and enemy groups in the Mount Dorst area, killed 400 enemy, secured all but west tip Caballa Island where 134 enemy were killed our losses 7 killed, 44 wounded; 5th Division secured positions 2600 yards northwest Mount Matangan and 2300 yards southeast Mount Mataba against heavy resistance; 43rd Division advanced 2,500 yards northeast of New Boso Boso captured ammunition dump, patrolled 6,000 yards northeast from Mount Quitago.

XIV Corps: 1st Cavalry Division secured Lipa, enemy force which counter attacked Malvar now contained that area, contact established at San Agustin (058009), advanced from Los Banos secured bay (152152) patrols continued 1,600 yards southeast; 11th Airborne Division attacked Bukel hill from the south and east against heavy enemy fire.

Cebu:

Eighth Army: Americal Division cleared Go Chang hill, captured ridge northeast of hill against heavy resistance, seized high ground north of Guadalupe (275505), patrolled along Butuanon River (331515), secured Mactan Island.

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Negros:

40th Division northeast Pandan Point crossed
Magsungay River (1198883) against intense small arms fire
to area 1,000 yards south and east of Bacolod, to south
entered Valladolid (992658) and occupied Pontevedra (0455).

Mindanao:

41st Division astride highway 4, 100 yards north
and seized positions 5, 100 yards northwest Pasananca,
enemy night attack against Kawit (968412).

Part III

- (1). 2 B-24 dropped 17 500 lb bombs.
- (2). Dropped 12 1,000 lb bombs, 5,000 and
700 20 lb frags from 12,000 feet, met moderate heavy some
accurate anti aircraft fire.
- (3). B-24's dropped 144 1,000 lb bombs from
9,000 feet; P-38's dropped 76 1,000 lb bombs.
- (4). Dropped 108 500 lb bombs.
- (5). No details.
- (6). B-25's dropped 53 500 lb bombs, fired
34,400 rounds 50 calibre.

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(7). B-25's dropped 7 tons bombs, fired 25,800 rounds 50 calibre; A-20's dropped 108 100 napalms, 3 tons parademos, fired 20,900 rounds 50 calibre.

(8). Dropped 127 tons bombs.

(9). Dauntless dropped 38 tons bombs; other planes dropped 16 tons bombs, fired 25,200 rounds 50 calibre.

(10). Expenditure included 128 500 lb bombs, 292 napalms, 32 165 gallon napalms, 100 tons type unstated, 2,430 rounds 20 MM, 111,200 rounds 50 calibre.

(11). Dropped 25 tons demos, 10 33 gallon napalms, fired 43,900 rounds 50 calibre.

(12). Dropped 144 500 lb bombs from 8,900 feet.

Celin: others dropped 9 500 lb, 12 250 lb bombs.

(13). Dropped 5 500 lb bombs.

(14) B-25's dropped 123 1,000 lb, 6 500 lb bombs; other planes dropped 25 1,000 lb, 69 500 lb bombs 4 325 lb depth charges.

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INFO : CG/S; CG AAF; ASF; G-2; Statistics; Adm King;
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ADVHED TF 51 (ECM HOLDERS ONLY).(PASSED TO COMINCH AND CINCPAC/POA PEARL FOR INFO BY
CINCPAC/POA ADVHED AS 300258)

SUMMARY AS OF 291800/1.

LAST NIGHT ENEMY PLANES WERE REPORTED LANDING AND TAKING
OFF FROM FIELDS ON OKINAWA BY SHIPS ON PATROL WHOSE INTER-DICTION FIRE AT LONG RANGE DUE TO MINEFIELDS WAS INEFFECTIVE
ESTIMATE 20 TO 30 PLANES MADE UNCOORDINATED ATTACKS ONSHIPS ON PATROL STATIONS AND IN RETIREMENT AREAS. ABOUT
14 PLANES DESTROYED BY AA AND CRASH ATTACKS. OF THESE ATLEAST 4 SUICIDERS. IN THESE ATTACKS, LSM(R) 188 HAD
SERIOUS DAMAGE BEYOND CAPACITY OF REPAIR IN THIS AREA ANDIS NOW IN KERAMA ANCHORAGE. OTHER SHIPS HAD LITTLE OR NO
DAMAGE. WYANDOT (AKA92) IN NIGHT RETIREMENT SUSTAINEDUNDERWATER DAMAGE FORWARD FROM NEAR BOMB MISS. AT LAST
REPORT FLOODING UNDER CONTROL AND SHIP ENTERING KERAMA.H A WILEY OBSERVED SARGENT BAY VF SHOT DOWN BY AA AT 0615/
AND RESCUED PILOT APPARENTLY UNINJURED. 4 ENGAGEMENTS**SECRET**

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BETWEEN SHIPS ON NIGHT PATROL AND JAP BOATS. 4 BOATS DESTROYED PLUS 1 POSSIBLE. OF THEM 3 WERE ATTEMPTING TO REACH MAE SHIMA FROM TOKASHIKI AND BLEW UP WHEN HIT. 1 SURVIVOR OF A SUNKEN BOAT WAS TAKEN PRISONER. LCI(G) 558 WAS SHAKEN BY DEPTH CHARGE ATTACKS BY JAP BOATS AND 2 ENGINES PLACED OUT OF COMMISSION. LSM(R) CASUALTIES REPORTED 11 KIA 3 MIA 37 WIA. OTHER CASUALTIES IN ALL ABOVE ACTIONS REPORTED AS 5 WIA NONE SERIOUS OF WHOM 3 INJURED BY OWN 40MM FIRE. HALLICAN SURVIVORS NOW TOTAL 1 OFFICER 150 ENLISTED OF WHOM 1 OFFICER 20 MEN WIA. DISPATCH TO ALL SHIPS PRESENT TO REPORT SURVIVORS ON BOARD FAILS TO DISCLOSE MORE. KERAMA RETTO HAD SEVERAL AIR ALERTS LAST NIGHT. 1 BOMB DROPPED ON ZAMAMI. ISLANDS ALL SECURED. TROOPS LESS 1 BATTALION PATROLLING TOKASHIKI AND GARRISON ZAMAMI RELOADED. ARMY CASUALTIES TOTAL 24 KIA 61 WIA NONE MIA. ENEMY 306 KIA 99 POW. ESTIMATED 140 SEALED IN CAVES. LCI(G) 462 580 NONOPERATIONAL DUE N** FUELING AND AMMUNITIONING SCHEDULE UNDERWAY AT KERAMA RETTO. PLANES FROM SEAPLANE BASE NOW EXECUTING ASP OPERATIONS. BUOYS IN SHIPLANE AND INSTALLATION LIGHT ON AWARE COMPLETED. 290 SUICIDE ATTACK BOATS DESTROYED IN KERAMA RETTO 2 RETAINED FOR INTELLIGENCE. DOCUMENTS GIVING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION TOTAL NUMBER THESE BOATS THIS AREA AND PLAN FOR USE IN DEFENSE OKINAWA CAPTURED. POSSIBLY 700 MORE IN GUNTO MOSTLY ON OKINAWA. JAP SECOND LIEUTENANT SPECIALIST IN THESE BOATS ALSO CAPTURED. BOATS APPEAR IDENTICAL TO DESCRIPTION JICPOA WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN VOLUME 1 NBR 3326 FEB 45. MINESWEEPING NOW SUBSTANTIALLY ON SCHEDULE. MINES REPORTED BEING SWEEP IN AREA W. APPROXIMATE TOTAL 123 SWEEP AND DESTROYED. MOST FOUND IN AREA C2. UDT RECONNAISSANCE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ALL PREFERRED BEACHES DEMONSTRATION BEACHES AND KETSE SHIMA. NEGLIGIBLE ENEMY REACTION ON PREFERRED BEACHES. DETAILED REPORTS NOT YET RECEIVED BUT NO CASUALTIES OF SHIPS OR PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN REPORTED. DEMOLITION

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ON PREFERRED BEACHES SCHEDULED TOMORROW. SUPPORT AIRCRAFT
SUPPORTED UDT OPERATIONS AND STRAFED AND BOMBED NAHA KADEN AND
YONTAN FIELDS AS WELL AS GUN POSITIONS. CAP SPLASHED H VAL*.
2 ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN OVER AIRFIELDS 15 DESTROYED ON GROUND
AND OTHERS STRAFED. UNDERGROUND HANGARS DISCOVERED AT YONTAN.
2 BOATS AND SEVERAL GUNS DESTROYED. UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH FOR
ANZIO PLANE WHICH FAILED TO RETURN FROM NIGHT ASP. PLANES REPORT
COMPLETE LACK OF OBSERVABLE ACTIVITY ON IE SHIMA. AIRFIELD
STILL TRENCHED AND BARRICADED. FIRE SUPPORT SHIPS SUCCESSFULLY
COVERED UDT OPERATIONS. REPORTS AND PHOTOS SHOW SHIPS BEGINNING
TO LOCATE AND HIT DEFENSES WITH INCREASING EFFECTIVENESS.
ARRIVALS OBJECTIVE BOWDITCH SHELDRAKE. WEATHER PARTLY CLOUDY
SLIGHT SEA NO SWELL OFF WESTERN OKINAWA. WIND NNE 8 KNOTS.

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**10 GROUPS MISSING. HAVE BEEN SERVICED.

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(COM7THFLT SENDS ACTION CINCSWA (TARLAC AND LEYTE). INFO
ADEES COMINCH CINCPAC GUAM COM5THFLT)

B || TODAY AN ATTACK FORCE UNDER THE COMMAND OF RADMA D STRUBLE
LANDED ELEMENTS OF THE 185TH INFANTRY 40TH DIVISION ON
NEGROS ISLAND. THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION UP TO 1100/1.
VENTURAS ON 28TH BOMBED MURCIA IN NORTHWEST NEGROS.

WAREHOUSES AND HEADQUARTERS BUILDINGS WERE HIT. IN THE
CEBU AREA ON THE 28TH NAVAL FORCES SUPPORTED AN ARMY LAND-
ING ON MACTAN ISLAND. NO NEW MINES FOUND IN CEBU HARBOR.
PT'S ON 27TH ASSISTED ARMY LANDINGS ON CABALLO ISLAND SOUTH
CORREGIDOR TABLAS ISLAND NEAR MINDORO AND AT BOBO RIVER IN
SOUTHERN HALMAHERA. IN THE FORMOSA AREA NAVY SEARCH PLANES ON

27/28 SANK 2 MEDIUM AK BLEW UP A BETTY AND SHOT UP 4
LOCOMOTIVES DERAILING THE CARS.

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DATE <u>29 MARCH 1945</u>		CTF 73	ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM <u>0937</u>		CTG 73.2	DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>OLSSON/RODGERS</u>		CTG 73.8	
TYPED BY <u>OLSSON/Manuel</u>		CTU 73.8.2	
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(COMSUBPAC GIVES ACTION CTF 73 CTG 73.2 CTG 73.8
AND CTU 73.8.2. INFO GIVEN CTF 71 COMSEVENTHFLEET
AND LOCALLY TO CINCPAC ADV HDQS)

COMSUBPAC HAS OLD SUBMARINE TIGRONE PATROLLING
ALONG EAST COAST OF HAINAN. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED
TO REMAIN NORTH OF 20-00 NORTH OR EAST OF 112-00
EAST UNTIL AFTER YOUR ATTACKS ARE COMPLETED.
RETIREMENT COURSE DEPENDS UPON PRESENT POSITION.
REQUEST YOUR AIR CREWS BE BRIEFED AGAINST MAKING
ATTACKS ON A SINGLE DETACHED SHIP. GIVE THEM
HELL TONIGHT AND WE WILL GO AFTER THE REMNANTS.

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DECODED BY RODGERS		ADV ECH CINCSWPA LEYTE	URGENT
TYPED RODGERS/SANDBERG		ADV GHQ LUZON	PRIORITY
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VIA PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN. NATIVES ON BEBCY*.
BAGO RIVER BRIDGE SECURED BY DETACHMENT SENT ASHORE AT
MINUS 3 AND 1/2 HOURS.
WEATHER CONDITIONS FAVORABLE.

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DATE 29 MARCH 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM 2003			DEFERRED
DECODED BY DORSEY		UNLISTED CALL (L3X)	PPPPPP
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CINCPOA ADV HQ TALKS. DEPCOM AF 20 HAS FOR INFO.
RDO LUZON PASS INFO TO CINCSWPA.

BLUE SUMMARY 28TH.
RYUKYUS. OPERATIONS IN KERAMO RHETTO PROCEEDING WELL.
MOST ISLANDS SECURED. INCOMPLETE REPORTS ENEMY KIA
292 POS 49 OWN CASUALTIES KIA 24 WIA 65. NETS PARTI-
ALLY INSTALLED. SEAPLANE BASE ESTABLISHED AND PLANES
ARRIVED TODAY.. OILERS AND AE START REPLENISHMENT TODAY.
MINESWEEPING GOING SLOWLY. SKYLARK (AM 63) STRUCK
MINE AND SANK BUT 11 OFFICERS AND 90 MEN PICKED UP.
AIR SUPPORT ATTACKED GROUND TARGETS AND SMALL CRAFT
SINKING 2 MTB AND BARGES. 4 OF OUR PLANES LOST BY
COLLISION. YORKTOWN PILOT RESCUED BY ELLISON (DD 864)
AND VO FROM SAN FRANCISCO AFTER 3 DAYS IN AN OKINAWA
CAVE. NIGHT 27/28 TOLMAN (DM 28) ENGAGED 8 32 KNOT

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MTB SINKING 2 SURE 4 POSSIBLE WITHOUT DAMAGE. MORRISON (DD 560) AND SHEA (DM 30) MAY HAVE SUNK SUB XRAY H A WILEY (DM 29) AND ADAMS (DM 27) EACH SPLASHED 2 PLANES. 1 CRASHED ON ADAMS CAUSING SLIGHT DAMAGE. NO OTHER DAMAGE REPORTED. WEATHER GOOD. TF 58. DURING 25 THRU 27 MARCH PLANES IN ATTACKS FROM TANEGA SHIMA TO MIYAKO SHIMA SHOT DOWN 13 PLANES DESTROYED 13 ON GROUND AND HIT SHIPPING WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS. 1 WIDGET SUB DESTROYED 1 DAMAGED. 3 DD OR DE DAMAGED. 5 AK DAMAGED. 8 LUGGERS BURNED AND MANY SMALL CRAFT WRECKED. GROUND TARGETS THROUGHOUT RYUKYUS ATTACKED. WE LOST 6 PLANES BUT RECOVERED 1 PILOT. MURRAY (DD576) SLIGHTLY DAMAGED IN AIR ATTACK MORNING OF 27. FORCE NOW IN COVERING POSITION SOUTH OF KYUSHU.

TF 57. ON 26 AND 27 574 SORTIES FLOWN AGAINST MIYAKO AND ISHIGAKI. ALL AIRFIELDS THOROUGHLY BOMBED AND STRAFED. AT LEAST 20 PLANES SHOT UP ON GROUND SOME POSSIBLY PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED. ONLY 1 JAP PLANE AIRBORNE WAS SPLASHED. SEVERAL SMALL AK HIT 1 BLEW UP. LOSSES 17 PLANES 5 PILOTS 4 AIR CREWMEN. FORCE SNOOPED 26 BUT NOT ATTACKED. RETIRED TO WIDGE LATE 27 TO REPLENISH. NOW PLANS TO RESUME ATTACKS 31.

JAPAN. 97 VLR PLANTED 817 MINES OF 1000 AND 2000 POUNDS IN SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS AND APPROACHES ON NITE 27/28. 3 B-29 MISSING. CENPAC. AT IWO TO 51.21 DISSOLVED AND COMDESRON 4 NOW SOPA. SUB REPORTED BY MERSHIP NEAR MAJURO NOW EVALUATED AS PC OR SC. NORPAC. 26 AND 27 2 PV AND 6 B-24 ATTACKED TARGETS IN SHIMUSHU AND PARAMUSHIRO.

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SUBMARINES. FINDING NO SHIPPING TARGETS OFF SOUTH CHINA COAST
SUBS BOMBARDED RADIO STATION ON PRATAS REEF AND DOCKS AT
BATAN ISLAND.

SOWESPAC. VF AND VBM PLANES FLEW MORE THAN 700 SORTIES OVER
FORMOSA AND IN GROUND SUPPORT OVER LUZON. ON 27 SEARCH
PLANES SANK 2 AK OFF FORMOSA 2 OFF HONGKONG.

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To: War Department

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War Department C 13175. Operations report SOWESPAC area
period 1500Z/27 to 1500Z/28

China Coast: Reconnaissance plane March 27 reported
3 medium freighter transports 1 small freighter Hong Kong.

Formosa: One large 2 medium freighter transports 1
sea truck 3 escort vessels sighted heading west off Shinchiku
afternoon March 28th.

French Indo China: Convoy reported entering Camranh
Bay March 27 estimated as 2 destroyers 4 destroyer escorts 6
freighter transports, following afternoon convoy described as
2 light cruisers 4 destroyers 3 destroyer escorts 1 whaling
ship 1 transport reported heading north 30 miles south Fimmon.

Borneo: Patrol B 24 intercepted by 5 fighters over
Celin airdrome near Banjarmasin March 28th. Photographs March
28th show 18 twin engined 2 single engined planes Tangi Point,
10 twin engined 2 single engined planes (partial cover) Kalang.

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Allied Naval units supported landing operations
Caballo Island Manila Bay and Caut Island Cebu March 27th.

Air. Operations March 26th.

(1) 8 Spitfires 4 Beaufighters and 8 RAAF P 40's
strafed targets of opportunity Halmahera.

Operations March 27th:

(2) Six predawn B 24's bombed Hoihow docks Hainan
Island, sank medium freighter transport Luichow, sank coastal
vessel Hong Kong, caused explosions and fires Keelung water-
front northern Formosa; day patrols sank coastal vessel east
Wenchow, damaged lugger Pescadores, sank 2 large luggers 3
coastal vessels damaged 6 coastal vessels Formosa strafed 3
troop trains destroyed 2 planes Koshun revetments.

(3) 17 B 24's scored excellent coverage assigned
targets Balete Pass; 70 B 24's caused explosions and fires
Legaspi, Bicol Peninsula; 1 B 24 group held for maintenance
and training.

(4) 3 B 25's and 69 A 20's raided Legaspi, central
Bicol and Batangas areas demolished ammunition and supply
dumps started large fires.

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(5) 111 P 38's hit Santa Fe in Balete Pass, supported Ground Forces Marikina east Manila divebombed Legaspi and Camalig town; P 47's attacked targets Batangas area; 36 P 47's on patrol.

(6) 18 B 24's cratered Silay and Carolina airdromes Negros Island; single B 25 strafed 3 barges Cabolo 6 P 38's and 29 B 25's supported Ground Forces Cebu; 9 P 61's on patrol and convoy cover.

(7) 16 P 38's demolished building and two radio stations Itu Aba Island 250 miles west Puerto Princesa, 1 P 38 lost; Corsairs flew 170 sorties against gun positions supplies and personnel Zamboanga, also destroyed buildings started fires Jolo Island.

(8) Four Spitfires 14 RAAF P 40's attacked supplies and bivouacs Halmahera; 11 RAAF P 40's on reconnaissance MacGluer Gulf area Dutch New Guinea.

(9) RAAF B 24 from Darwin harassed Kendari airdromes at night.

(10) 18 Beauforts raided enemy positions Wewak.

Operations March 28th:

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(11) Patrol planes damaged lugger Hong Kong, strafed 3 seatrucks Swatow, seriously damaged freighter transport east Foochow, damaged seatruck Wenchow, destroyed Betty Giran airdrome Formosa exploded 4 locomotives derailed rolling stock sank launch Formosa, left large freighter sinking Takao.

(12) 33 B 25's found nil shipping Indo China Coast, raided shore targets Phanrang and Camranh Bays caused violent explosions amongst warehouses damaged railtracks and bridges, 1 B 25 missing; 3 other B 25's returned early; rescue Catalina damaged lone intercepting fighter.

(13) 24 B 24's bombed Takao through cloud; 24 B 24's weathered out Okayama started large fires Tacnan dispersals.

(14) 124 Dauntless bombed enemy concentrations exploded ammunition dumps Solvec Bay hit gun positions started many fires Bagabag and Balete Pass area.

(15) 2 B 25's and 31 A 20's raided troop concentrations Baguio and Iligan; 56 A 20's caused heavy destruction on ground support Batangas area.

(16) 49 P 38's and 34 P 47's supported Ground Forces Baguio Balete Pass and Villa Verde trail; 71 P 38's, 96 P 47's and 99 P 51's struck defence positions west Stotsenburg, north-east Manila, Batangas area, towards Laguna de Bay and Ternate; minimum 111 fighter sorties on escort and patrol.

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(17) Single B 25 bombed radio tower. Silay, Ventura hit other targets Negros Island; 28 B 25's on ground support Cebu bombed guns and defence works; Corsairs furnished 162 sorties against troop concentrations gun positions and supplies Zamboanga; 8 Corsairs cooperated with PT boats caused many fires explosions Malangas Dumanguilas Bay Mindanao; 10 P 61's 1 B 25 on patrol.

(18) 17 B 24's cratered Jesselton runway, another B 24 bombed Manado; 4 patrol B 24's scored near misses strafed destroyer escort bombed grounded vessels southern Macassar Strait, bombed Oelin airdrome damaged 2 of 5 intercepting fighters.

(19) RAAF B 24 from Darwin attacked coastal vessel Flores Island; 2 RAAF Venturas sank coastal vessel damaged barge western Soembawa.

Solomons Forces. Air. Operations March 27:

(20) Three Venturas, eight Corsairs, 36 B-25's attacked Kavieng and personnel areas New Ireland; 10 Corsairs strafed motor trucks and small craft Rabaul; 2 Venturas, 60 Corsairs, 4 B-25's exploded fuel dumps raided villages Bougainville, 1 Corsair lost.

Land. Luzon: Sixth Army: I Corps:

33rd Division (with 129 Regimental Combat Team attached)

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secured high ground 5500 yards and 4000 yards northeast of
Pugo, redeployed units, secured trail junction and water
point 1200 and 1700 yards south of Camp 3;

32nd Division advanced 300 yards east along Villa
Verde trail against strong opposition after repulsing night
counter attack, now 4000 yards West Imugan;

25th Division regrouped, met strong resistance 7500
yards northeast of Kapintalan, mopped up ridge 900 yards
south southwest of Kapintalan.

XI Corps:

38th Division killed 184 enemy 4500 yards northwest
of Mount Dorst, other units seized enemy motor pool 4200
yards northeast Mount Dorst, engaged entrenched enemy 200
yards southwest of that point, continued advance West on Caballo
Island without opposition;

6th Division reached point 2000 yards northeast of
Mount Baytangan against automatic weapons and heavy mortar
fire, killed 35 enemy 4000 yards southeast San Matio;

43rd Division advanced 1400 yards northeast of New
Boso Boso and 3300 yards northeast Mount Balidbiran.

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11th Airborne Division attacked north from Dita to seize Bukel Hill (900855) against strong opposition results not reported, force from San Jose occupied positions 2800 yards east northeast of Dita, elements from Batangas secured Rosario;

1st Cavalry Division from Cabaong occupied San Juan (052014) and Mount Olila (070030), advanced from Malvar to San Isidro (03500) and San Lucas (035958), and from Los Banos secured high ground 800 yards west of the College of Agriculture (105138) Bantacng Malak (105152) and high ground 1000 yards south of Mayondan Point (098175), patrols from Payapa reached north outskirts of Lipa and Los Banos patrols reconnoitered 8000 yards southwest.

Cumulative casualties to date: United States:

Killed 4383, wounded 16203, missing 208;

Enemy: Killed 93906, captured 933.

Cebu: Eighth Army:

Americal Division seized Lahug airdrome encountered resistance north end of field, advanced two miles beyond Mabolo on Highway Number 1, patrols reached Manadue (326498) encountered resistance Go Chang Hill (270485) and 2000 yards northwest, secured provincial capital (263485) Naga town (105352) and Portland Cement Plant (095340) landed Mactan

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Island, occupied Opon (385430) advanced south southeast toward
airfield.

Cumulative casualties to date:

United States: Killed 10, wounded 49, missing 3;
Enemy: Killed 132, captured 6.

Negros: Preliminary report:

40th Division landed according to plan vicinity Pul-
upandan morning of 29th March, small forces secured bridge
over Bago River (005721) prior to main landing; one battalion
field artillery ashore at 1000 hours.

Mindanao:

41st Division now generally 4000 yards north Pasananca
meeting strong opposition and 3200 yards north Masilay with
light resistance.

Cumulative casualties to date:

United States: Killed 121, wounded 560, missing 19;
Enemy: Killed 1764, captured 9.

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- (1) No details.
- (2) Four predawn B-24's dropped 12 1000 lb, 16 500 lb torpedo bombs.
- (3) Dropped 146 1000 lb bombs plus 162 tons type unstated Legaspi.
- (4) Dropped 51 tons bombs, fired 95,500 rounds 30 calibre.
- (5) P-38's dropped 128 1000 lb bombs plus 19 tons type unstated.
- (6) B-24's dropped 201 500 lb bombs from 9000 feet; others dropped 6 1000 lb, 324 100 lb bombs.
- (7) P-38 dropped 16 1000 lb bombs; Corsair dropped 60 tons bombs.
- (8) No details.
- (9) Dropped 10 100 lb bombs plus beer bottles.
Paragraphs 10 through 12 no details.
- (13) Dropped 96 tons general purpose bombs Takao, 48 tons 20 lb frags Tainan.

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(14) Dropped 62 tons bombs, fired 29,500 rounds
50 calibre.

(15) Dropped 67 tons bombs, fired over 54,700 rounds
50 calibre.

(16) Expenditure included 148 500 lb bombs, 110 260
lb frags, 24 napalms, 96,900 rounds 50 calibre.

(17) B-25's dropped 248 100 lb bombs, 24 100 lb
parafrags, met moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire;
Corsairs dropped 70 tons bombs.

(18) Dropped 162 500 lb, 30 250 lb bombs from 8,800
feet.

(19) Venturas dropped 4 250 lb, 2 100 lb bombs,
fired 800 rounds 50. 1,100 rounds 30 calibre.

(20) Venturas and B-25's dropped 33 2000 lb, 12
1000 lb, 24 500 lb bombs, 8 500 lb incendiaries; Corsairs
dropped 32 1000 lb, 40 500 lb bombs, 1 165 gallon napalms,
16 325 lb depth charges.

Allied Air Force preliminary sortie summary March 28:
347 fighters 212 bombers of which 314 fighters

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ESTIMATED SPEED 32 KNOTS WHICH SORTIED THEREFROM AND MADETORPEDO ATTACK ON HER. 2 MTBS DEFINITELY SUNK POSSIBLE 4
OTHERS. NO DAMAGE TO TOLMAN. H A WILEY AND ADAMS ON NIGHTPATROL AT OBJECTIVE EACH SPLASD 2 PLANES WHICH ATTACKED THEM.
NO DAMAGE TO WILEY SLIGHT DAMAGE TO ADAMS WHO REPORTED PARTOF FIRST PLANE AND MOST OF PILOT LANDED ABOARD. AFTER PART
HALLIGAN IS GROUNDED EASTERN SHORE TOKASHIKI. CTG 51.1INVESTIGATING. FURTHER DETAILS INCLUDING DISPOSITION CLASSI-
FIED DOCUMENTS AND ECM EQUIPMENT WHEN KNOWN. TOKASHIKI SECUREDMORNING OF 27. ONLY SNIPERS REMAIN AKA. SPORADIC FIGHTING
STILL CONTINUED ZAMAMI THIS MORNING. AWARE UNINHABITED.INCOMPLETE REPORTS OWN TOTAL CASUALTIES KIA 24 WIA 65 ENEMY
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CAPTURED SOME WITH BOOBY TRAPS. 12 WOMEN FOUND STRANGLED AND 1
BABY ALIVE IN CAVE. TG 51.20 ARRIVED AND ESTABLISHED SEAPLANE BASE.

PLANES WILL ARRIVE COMMENCING TOMORROW MORNING. NORTHERN NET INSTALLED
AND SOUTHERN NET INSTALLATION NEARING COMPLETION. TG 50.18.34 ARRIVED.

TANKERS COMMENCE FUELING OPERATIONS AND REAMMUNITION IS SCHEDULED TO
COMMENCE TOMORROW. MINESWEEPING PROGRESS EXPECTED TO PERMIT UDT

RECONNAISSANCE ON PREFERRED AND DEMONSTRATION BEACHES TOMORROW. UDT
RECONNAISSANCE COMMENCED AT KEISE. DURING MINESWEEPING OPERATIONS

SKYLARK (AM 63) STRUCK MINE AND SANK IN LAT 26-20.5 NORTH LONG 127-41.3
EAST. TOLMAN REPORTS RECOVERING 11 OFFICERS 90 MEN OF WHOM 5 AND 20

WIA RESPECTIVELY. EVIDENCE THAT ENEMY IS LAUNCHING FLOATING MINES OFF
WESTERN OKINAWA POSSIBLY FLOATING DOWN BASHIGAWA. INCREASING NIGHT

PATROL OFF BEACHES TONIGHT. NAVAL GUNFIRE PROCEEDED ON SCHEDULE BUT
AT RANGES 8 TO 11,000 YARDS BECAUSE OF UNSWEPT WATER. EXPECT TO GET IN

TO CLOSE RANGE TOMORROW. SUPPORT AIRCRAFT VERY ACTIVE ON OKINAWA 2 MTBS
DESTROYED AND PROBABLY BASE AT TONACHI HEAVILY HIT. 5 LANDING BARGES

STRAFED 3 SET AFIRE. MANY GUN POSITIONS ATTACKED. SEVERAL PLANES ON
YONTAN FIELD STRAFED ABOUT 4 APPARENTLY STILL SERVICEABLE THERE.

YORKTOWN PILOT WHO HAD SPENT 3 DAYS IN CAVE OKINAWA RESCUED OFF
MACHINATO TOWO BY COMBINED EFFORTS ELLISON AND VO'S FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

PILOT STATES JAPS FIRE OWN GUNS FROM CASES INTO GROUND TO CONFUSE OUR
SPOTTERS. 2 OF OWN PLANES COLLIDED OVER OBJECTIVE NO SURVIVORS SEEN.

DURING AIR ATTACKS YESTERDAY MORNING ONE OWN* VF AND 1 VT CRASHED
PROBABLY HIT BY OWN AA NO SURVIVORS. 2 VF HAD WATER LANDING PILOTS

RECOVERED. WEATHER GOOD FOR ALL TYPES OPERATIONS TODAY AND SAME WEATHER
FORECAST TOMORROW.

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 3RD DIV SUMMARY.

A TOTAL OF 28 JAPS WERE KILLED DURING THE NIGHT.
 9TH MARINES OUTPOSTS KILLED 13 IN 184BE 185B 201P 202A.
 147TH INFANTRY KILLED 15 IN 233V 235EH 234J 251KX.
 9TH MARINES PATROLS DURING THE DAY KILLED 7 JAPS IN 185MR
 219L. PATROLS FROM 147TH INFANTRY KILLED 43 AND CAPTURED
 2 JAPS DURING THE DAY IN 2190 233MN 234ABD 250L 251L.
 ENEMY REPORTED KILLED DURING THE PERIOD WERE 78. TOTAL
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CASUALTIES TO DATE (INCLUDES CASUALTIES FROM 8TH FIELD DEPOT).
KIA 40 OFFICERS 843 ENLISTED. WIA 146 OFFICERS 3129 ENLISTED.
MIA 1 OFFICER 17 ENLISTED. TOTAL CASUALTIES 4176. SUPPLY
LEVELS IN DIVISION DUMPS. AMMUNITION SMALL ARMS 4/5 U/F
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IN THE CEBU AREA NAVAL FORCES ON THE 27TH FURNISHED FIRE SUPPORT AGAINST SHORE TARGETS AND COVERED A LANDING ON

CAUIT ISLAND. NO FURTHER SUBMARINE CONTACTS. 1 ENEMY PLANE DROPPED 2 OR 3 BOMBS. NO DAMAGE. ALL LSMs UNLOADED AND

PROGRESSING FAVORABLY WITH LSTS. OLANGO CHANNEL HAS BEEN SWEEPED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. 2 MINES WERE SUNK IN THE

ZAMBOANGA AREA ON 27TH. NAVY SEARCH PLANES ON 27TH BOMBED AND SET AFIRE A SMALL AK OFF HAINAN. HUNDREDS OF JUNKS

SIGHTED ALONG CHINA COAST IN SWATOW AREA. VENTURA BOMBED BIVOUAC AREA ON WEST COAST OF NEGROS DESTROYING BUILDINGS

AND STRAFING WHOLE AREA. 2 SMALL CARGO SHIPS SUNK NEAR FOCHOW AND 1 IN PESCADORES. PLANES SHOT UP A TROOP TRAIN ON FORMOSA.

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BLUE SUMMARY 27TH. RYUKYUS. FURTHER LANDINGS IN KERAMA
RHETTO PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. MINESWEEPING AT

OKINAWA CONTINUES OFF BEACHES. UDT OPERATIONS POSTPONED
TO L MINUS 3. BOMBARDMENT ON SCHEDULE EXCEPT OFF NAHA.

AIR SUPPORT ATTACKS PHOTO AND HYDRO MISSIONS CARRIED OUT
AS PLANNED. 12 OF 15 JAP PLANES DESTROYED IN AIR ATTACK

NIGHT 26/27. 6 WERE SUICIDES. NEVADA TURRET 3 OUT OF
ACTION. BILOXI (CL 80) PORTERFIELD (DD 682) DORSEY (DMS 1)

FOREMAN (DE 633) SKIRMISH (AM 303) ALL HIT BUT OPERABLE.
OBRIEN (DD 725) HAS EXTENSIVE SUPERSTRUCTURE DAMAGE BUT

CAN MAKE 25 KNOTS. MIDGET SUB PENS DESTROYED. POSSIBLY
2 OR 3 SUBS SUNK. HALLIGAN (DD 584) NOW BELIEVED BLOWN

UP BY MINE. SUBS RESCUED 3 AVIATORS.

KYUSHU. 152 B-29'S DROPPED 519 TONS VISUALLY FROM 14 TO
18000 FEET ON TACHLARAI AND OITA AIR BASES AND ON OMURA

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AIRCRAFT FACTORY WITH GOOD TO EXCELLENT RESULTS. ALL PLANES RETURNED SAFELY. NIGHT 27/28 OTHER B-29'S BEGAN MINING

SHIMONOSEKI STRAIT.

CENPAC. NEUTRALIZING ATTACKS ON MILLE WAKE PALAUS YAP AND MARCUS CONTINUED ON 26TH AND 27TH.

TF 58 DELAYED REPORT. 34 T/E 16 S/E JAP PLANES DESTROYED DURING ATTACKS ON 21 WITH LOSS OF 3 BLUE VF. FEW PLANES

REACHED TASK FORCE AND CAUSED NO DAMAGE.

SOWESPAC. CEBU LANDINGS PROCEEDING WELL. NEWMAN (APD 59) PROBABLY SANK MIDGET SUB. 25TH/26TH FORMOSA TARGETS STRUCK

BY 77 TONS FROM 24 B-24'S. ON 25TH A PB4Y FROM MINDORO AT SAIGON SANK 2 MEDIUM AND 2 SMALL AK DAMAGED 12 OTHERS AND

SPLASHED A JAKE. OTHER SEARCH PLANES ON 26TH AND 27TH SANK 3 AND HEAVILY DAMAGED 2 SMALL AK ALONG EAST CHINA COAST.

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Department C 13104. Operations Report SOWESPAC area period
1500Z/26 to 1500Z/27 signed MacArthur.

Formosa:

Search plane over Talsao morning March 27th reported
large tanker one medium one smaller freighter transport sev-
eral seatrucks two destroyers, ten seatrucks also sighted
along West coast.

China Coast:

One transport two medium freighter transports five
freighter transports 3000 tons sighted Hong Kong Harbour Mar
26th.

Hainan:

Photographs Sama Airdrome March 21st showed nine
fighters one bomber.

French Indo China:

Search plane reported twelve vessels entering Camranh
Bay afternoon March 27th.

Borneo:

Patrol B-24 reported two medium freighters two others
2000 tons three seatrucks approaching Balikpapan from South,
three freighters 2000 tons three seatrucks in river near
Banjermasin two fighters airborne.

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Port 2.

Naval:

PT boats destroyed one barge one native Cratt Panay
Island March 27th.

Air:

Enemy action:

Single plane bombed Allied beachhead Cebu evening
March 27th.

Operations March 25th:

1. Three predawn B-24's bombed Ishigaki town Nansei
Shoto, caused explosions Keelung waterfront Northern Formosa;
three day B-24's on negative search China Coast.

2. Ten B-24's demolished buildings started fires
Camalaniugan airdrome South Aparri; two squadrons B-24's
weathered out Balete Pass; other B-24's held for main-
tenance and training; 40 P-38's hit concentrations on Ipo
Northeast Manila through unfavourable weather; four B-25's
damaged buildings Naga Town Bicol Peninsula.

3. 18 RAAF P-40's and 8 Spitfires raided Halmahera
targets; 10 Beaufighters swept Ceram strafed two planes
Harokoe one plane Liang.

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Operations March 26:

4. Search planes sank one medium freighter transport one coastal vessel damaged another East Foochow; five predawn B-24's bombed dock installations Yulin Harbour Hainan Island, caused large explosion similar target Keelung Northern Formosa, started large fires Ishigaki Town Nensei Shoto.

5. 19 B-24's caused fires and explosions amongst warehouses and docks hit ships under repair probably sank one freighter damaged another Takao.

6. 11 P-38's, 56 P-47's and 61 A-20's attacked defense positions and enemy held towns Batangas area; 28 P-38's and 59 B-24's demolished buildings caused explosions Legaspi;

Part 4.

36 other P-38's weathered out same target; 4 B-25's and 32 P-47's hit arsenal and supplies Camalig Town near Legaspi; 48 P-38's on escort and patrols.

7. 24 Corsairs, 32 A-20's, 28 B-25's and 17 B-24's hit gun positions and buildings Cebu City area; 12 Corsairs, 9 P-61's and 2 B-24's on patrol.

8. 22 Beauforts raided assigned targets Wewak.

Operations March 27th:

9. Search planes set coastal vessel afire North

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Heinan Island, left small freighter transport Osting damaged
patrol craft Hong Kong.

10. 15 B-25's against Kinsui Casing Head plant
Northwestern Formosa; 4 planes hit target demolished in-
stallation believed destroyed two planes Koryou airdrome
attacked on locomotive and rolling stock nearby; two planes
bombed targets Luzon.

11. 77 Dauntless exploded dumps and buildings
Solvec Bay and Baguio; 54 A-20's struck installation started
large fires Mankayan North Northeast Baguio; 47 P-38's
and 121 P-51's attacked Northern and Central Luzon hit Balet
Pass targets struck Ipo area Northeast Manila, 1 P-38 lost;
9 B-25's and 34 fighter bombers raided Caballo Island Manila
bay; 15 P-38's and 71 other fighters on escort duty and pa-
trols;

12. Patrol Venturas attacked village Western Negros.

13. 9 B-24's hit supply dumps demolished buildings
Sang Sanga near Tawi Tawi; 9 B-25's bombed shipbuilding
installations fire coastal vessel offshore Sandakan Northern
Borneo; 2 patrol B-24's scored near misses large freighter
near Balikpapan.

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Operations March 26th:

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14. 8 Corsairs 17 Venturas 40 B-25's raided Kavieng gun positions and Borpop personnel area; one Ventura 10 Corsairs harassed Rabaul, strike against Vunakansau weathered out; one Ventura 34 Corsairs hit troop concentrations and targets of opportunity Bougainville.

Land.

LUZON:

Sixth Army: I Corps:

33d Division regrouped units, occupied San Fernando and positions 2500 yards Southwest Naguilian; 32d Division overran enemy positions 4000 yards West Northwest Lelican, continued attacks on Villa Verde trail with unreported results, reemployed forces; 25th Division South and Southwest of Kapintalan gained 300 and 200 yards against stiff resistance;

XI Corps:

Elements 38th Division supported by Naval bombardment secured East half Caballo Island against heavy small arms fire, other elements mopping up West Fort Stotsenburg killed 380 enemy; 43d Division regrouped in preparation for further attacks; 43d Division mopped up vicinity New Boso Boso, sent patrols East to San Andres (2370) and Southeast to Quisao (2146).

XV Corps:

11th Airborne Division established road block Pinagtongolan (936852) seized Lipa Hill (027625) against unreported

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opposition, patrol from Batangas reached Rosario (0574)
without contact; 1st Cavalry Division attacked point 7000
yards North Lipa without opposition, secured highground
2000 yards southwest Los Banos.

Approximate front lines 27th March:

Northern Zone:

San Fernando/Maguilian/Burgos/Bagbag (0793)/Bilbil
Mountain (220915)/map 3/(4166)/Itogon/Tebbo/Maleco (7154) /
Kapintalan/7951/9147/Casiguran point.

Eastern Zone:

Area West and northwest Mount Yabang/ Benchmark 21/
benchmark 25 (1967)/ Quisao.

Southern Zone:

Batang Malak (1015)/Mount Bijiang/Cabaong/San Isidro
(0300)/ Payapa (0195)/ Bzlete. Then from Papanayang Point
(8686)/ Benaybanay (9686)/San Jose/Lipa Hill/Rosario/Arenes
point.

Cebu:

American Division secured Buhisan reservoir (213480)
and (229468), captured Cebu City and turned north on Lahug
airdrome. Encountered abandoned road blocks and pillboxes
on highway number one and many mines, road blocks and booby
traps in the city which was virtually destroyed;

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Cauit Island (2543) reconnoitered without contact.

Front lines as of 27th March:

Cebu city at 2846/Lahug at 2847/2149/1746/1938.

Mindanao:

✓ 41st Division captured hill at (091438) against increasing resistance and engaged in heavy fighting that area, extensive patrolling area sectors against light opposition.

Front lines Manicahan/1945/1245/1243/0943/0642/0343/
0041/Tinub.

Panay:

✓ 40th Division killed 22 enemy Maasin, patrol contacts throughout southeastern Panay.

Unisan Island south Guimaras clear of enemy.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 12 1,000 lb, 8 500 lb bombs.

(2) 10 B-24s dropped 73 1000 lb bombs from 4500 feet;
P-38s dropped 70 1000 lb bombs.

(3) No details.

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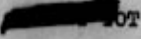
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(4) Dropped 11 1,000 lb bombs Keelug, 8 500 lb bombs
Ishigaki.

(5) Dropped 144 1,000 lb bombs from 13,000 feet,
met moderate heavy accurate anti aircraft fire.

(6) B-24s dropped 8 1,000 lb, 220 300 lb bombs plus
151 type unstated, jettisoned another 36 tons; A-20s
dropped 33 tons bombs, fired 59,500 rounds 50 calibre;
fighters dropped 93 tons bombs, fired 16,400 rounds 50 calibre.

(7) A-20s dropped 122 250 lb bombs, 47 100 lb
napalms; B-25s dropped 288 100 lb bombs, 12 500 lb frags;
B-24s dropped 126 1,000 lb bombs, two 250 lb bombs from 8,000
feet.

Paragraphs 8 and 9 no details.

(10) Dropped unstated number bombs, fired over 17,500
rounds 50 calibre.

(11) Dauntless dropped 38 tons bombs; A-20s dropped
28 tons parademos, ten tons napalms, fired 36,000 rounds
50 calibre; others dropped 18 1,000 lb, 84 500 lb bombs,
24 165 gallon plus 40 other napalms plus 65 tons bombs type
unstated, fired 128,800 rounds 50 calibre.

(12) No details.

(13) Dropped 12 500 lb bombs, 710 100 lb napalms from
7,200 to 1,600 feet.

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(14) B-25s dropped 35 2,000 lb bombs, 10 500 lb incendiary clusters; Venturas dropped 8 2,000 lb, 12 1,000 lb, 12 500 lb, 4 300 lb bombs; Corsairs dropped 22 1,000 lb, 12 500 lb bombs, 16 325 lb depth charges.

Allied Air Force corrected summary of sorties March 19th through 25th:

1944 fighters, 2937 bombers, 377 others of which 1468 fighters, 2338 bombers, 178 others flown in Philippines.

Preliminary summary March 27th:

187 fighters, 265 bombers of which 165 fighters, 244 bombers in Philippines.

Part 4. G-2 Intelligence summary:

Cagayan Valley:

Despite effort to defend South Cagayan Valley approaches enemy has not diverted thereto any major combat strength from north Cagayan Valley. 103rd Division has not noticeable displaced from northern Luzon area bounded on south by general line Cervantes-Bontoc-Bagabag-Echague and along the upper axis of highway 5; 103rd Division orders dated mid-January fixing this area as unit zone of responsibility, are probably still in force.

Enemy's intention to use highway 5 as principal operational axis is further apparent from road construction activity. Lateral communications between Baguio and Cagayan Valley

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I.E., Bontoc-Bagabag road and Baguio-Aritao trail are being improved, accompanied by intensified local security measures against guerrilla harassment.

Bantangas-Lagun:

In early March Guerrillas reported "thousands" of Japanese moving nightly from Laguna De Bay area via Famy to Infanta. Enemy evidently secured coastal toehold, in vain expectance of evacuation by sea or attempt from the empire to "retrieve the Luzon situation".

Disintegration of positions east of Manila has evidently forced shift on defensive emphasis as on 19th March, credible Guerrilla sources reported transfer of an estimated 4,000 well-equipped troops from Infanta toward Laguna De Bay. This reinforcement effort probably comprised bulk of Infanta garrisons. Current tactical developments however have definitely isolated Marikina watershed from Sampaloc-Similao-Tignuan area.

The Infanta peninsula may develop into another suicide refuge sector for enemy remnants trapped in west central and south Luzon.

On the south, rear-guard actions are expected to continue on route 19 and San Pablo-Alaminos approaches.

General Luzon: For overall trends, seem enemy capabilities, Luzon area, 15th January 1945, "the decisive character and size of our landing and advances may result

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in splitting all enemy contingents and complete the withdrawal of segments to isolated sectors" relative probability then discussed have been realized, viz:

- (A) Denial of Bagui roads,
- (B) Denial of entry roads to Cagayan Valley,
- (C) Defense of Amnial,
- (D) Withdrawal to northern Luzon,
- (E) Defense of isolated sectors; Cagayan Valley, East Bulacan, Batangas.

Cebu area: Negligible opposition in initial beachhead. Identifications shot elements of the 102nd Division and old 31st IMB its parent unit. Previous estimates are maintained including possibly 78th Brigade and miscellaneous service elements-aggregate ranging from 6/10,000. Guerrilla estimates higher. Enemy capability protracted suicidal defense of city area or dispersal into western mountains.

End

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SUMMARY AS OF 271800/1. YAKABI SECURED 261600/1. SUCCESSFUL
LANDINGS MADE ON TOKASHIKI, KOBA, AMURO. KOBA AND AMURO CAPTURED.
LIGHT OPPOSITION TOKASHIKI. MORTAR FIRE AND COUNTER ATTACKS
EXPERIENCED ON ZAMAMI AND AKA AND INFILTRATION ATTEMPT ON KERUMA
LAST NIGHT WERE REPULSED. SATISFACTORY PROGRESS ON AKA, KERUMA,
ZAMAMI. MANY LIGHT SUICIDE BOATS CAPTURED IN COVES AKA AND ZAMAMI.
BOATS DESCRIBED AS 20 FEET LONG 8 FEET WIDE CONTAINING MINE OR
BOMB AND 1 MAN CREW. ALL PERSONNEL GARRISON BATTALION LANDED
ZAMAMI AND SUPPLIES BEING LANDED. RECCO KEISE NIGHT 26-27 SHOWED
ABSENCE PERSONNEL OBSTACLES. AT 261831/1 HALLIGAN IN UNSWEPT

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WATER BEARING 208 DISTANT 14 MILES FROM BLOO* BLEW UP AS RESULT
 UNDERWATER EXPLOSION PROBABLY MINE. 75 SURVIVORS ENLISTED OF
 WHOM 14 INJURED. DURING NIGHT 26 AND EARLY MORNING 27 MARCH
 ABOUT 15 ENEMY PLANES ATTACKED OUR SHIPS. NEVADA TURRET 3 AND
 BOTH PLANES INOPERABLE. BILOXI, PORTERFIELD, DORSEY, FOREMAN,
 SKIRMISH DAMAGED BUT OPERABLE. O'BRIEN DD725 ALSO HIT WITH
 EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO SUPERSTRUCTURE AND 1 FIRE ROOM OUT. CAN
 MAKE 25 KNOTS NIL UNDERWATER DAMAGE. NO CAP ON STATION EARLY
 PART THESE ATTACKS. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES RESULTING 40 KIA 3 MIA
 19 MIA. ESTIMATE 12 ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED 3 BY AA 2 BY CAP 1
 BY STRIKE GROUP 6 SUICIDES. MINES STILL BEING SWEEP IN AREA B5
 AND OFF PREFERRED AND DEMONSTRATION BEACHES. SCHEDULED UDT
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ENTRY FIRE SUPPORT SHIPS. SHIPS ARE REPORTING MANY TARGETS HIT.
CLOSE INSPECTION TOCHCHI* FROM AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS CONFIRM PHOTO-
GRAPHIC EVIDENCE NO CD GUNS. AIR SUPPORT CONTINUED ATTACKS OKINAWA
AND FLEW PHOTO HYDRO AND PROPAGANDA MISSION. 4 OR 5 SUB PENS
CLAIMED DESTROYED AND 2 MIDGET SUBS DAMAGED AT UNTEN KO 3 SUCCESS-
FUL AIR SEA RESCUE MISSIONS ACCOMPLISHED. 3 SUBMARINE ATTACKS
REPORTED BY FIRE SUPPORT SHIPS TODAY. GOOD EVIDENCE ^{DD}CALLAGHAN SANK
1 MIDGET. WEATHER SOUTHEAST WIND 23 KNOTS MODERATE SEA AND SWELL.
OVERCAST. VISIBILITY 10 MILES. ARRIVALS AT OBJECTIVE INDIANAPOLIS
AND ST LOUIS ON 25TH. NEW YORK LEUTZE ENGLAND SOLACE 27TH. DEPART-
URES LEUTZE WHITEHURST ENGLAND 27TH.

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CINCPA ADV HDQ SENDS ACTION TO ALL COMMANDS INTERESTED IN COMBAT REPORTS INFO COMINCH CINCSWA COM 7TH FLEET DEPCOMAF 20 CINCPBF.

BLUE SUMMARY 26TH.

77TH DIVISION LANDED IN KERAMA RHETTO AGAINST LIGHT OPPOSITION PRECEDED BY EFFECTIVE GUNFIRE AND AIR SUPPORT. MINESWEEPING

CONTINUED AS SCHEDULED. 15 MINES SWEEPED OFF OKINAWA WEST BEACHES.

IN PREDAWN AIR ATTACK SUICIDE PLANE STRUCK KIMBERLY (DD 521) WRECKED AFTER BATTERY KILLED 3 WOUNDED 30. SHIP OPERABLE.

ANOTHER HIT GILMER (APD 11) CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE KILLED 1 WOUNDED 2. 2 OTHERS CRASHED. 1 SPLASHED BY CAP 2 BY AA.

ENEMY SUBS REPORTED IN AREA. HALLIGAN (DD 584) TORPEDOED AND BADLY DAMAGED.

8 NIP PLANES TWO BOUND GOT NO CLOSER THAN 40 MILES. P-61'S SHOT DOWN 2 OR 3 BETTYS. TWO P-51'S SHOT UP SUSAKI AIRFIELD

AT CHICHI JIMA. 100 JAPS KILLED ON TWO 40 IN BANZAI CHARGE. IN SOWESPAC.

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AMERICAN DIVISION LANDED SOUTH OF CEBU CITY AGAINST LIGHT
OPPOSITION.

MOVEMENTS REAR AREA. MOBILE (CL 63) ETA ULITHI 28TH OAKLAND
(CL 95) ETA ULITHI 30TH BOTH FOR DUTY 5TH FLEET. RANDOLPH (CV 15)

EST RFS ULITHI 31ST. ENTERPRISE (CV 6) EST RFS ULITHI 4 APRIL.
WASP (CV 18) FRANKLIN (CV 13) SANTA FE (CL 60) RETURNING PEARL OR
WEST COAST FOR REPAIRS OR OVERHAUL.

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ON 27TH NEWMAN. APD 59. OFF CEBU CITY SIGHTED A SURFACED MIDGET SUBMARINE AFTER RADAR CONTACT. ATTACKED WITH GUNFIRE ATTEMPTED TO RAM AND USED DEPTH CHARGES. SUBMARINE DEFINITELY DAMAGED POSSIBLY SUNK. COMMANDING GENERAL AMERICAN DIVISION ASSUMED COMMAND ASHORE AT CEBU AT 16151 YESTERDAY. LIGHT MORTAR FIRE HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN ANCHORAGE AREA. NO DAMAGE TO SHIPPING REPORTED. UNLOADING OF LSM'S AND LST'S PROCEEDING SLOWLY BECAUSE OF BEACHING DIFFICULTIES. ON 25TH PT'S AND CORSAIRS STAGED A COORDINATED STRIKE AGAINST BONGAO ISLAND IN THE TAWITAWI AREA. INTENSE ACCURATE RETURN FIRE WAS ENCOUNTERED RANGING FROM 50 CAL TO 75 MM. BOATS RETIRED UNDER SMOKE COVER HAVING SUSTAINED MINOR DAMAGE CASUALTIES AND 1 MAN KILLED. MINES OBSERVED IN AREA. VENTURAS ON 26TH BOMBED STRAFED AND ROCKETED WOODED DISPERSAL AREA ON NEGROS WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. PB4Y'S SANK 4 SMALL AK'S AND DESTROYED 1 JAKE OFF INDO CHINA COAST. MINESWEEPING IN BATANGAS BAY COMPLETED. NO MINES ENCOUNTERED.

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period 1500Z/25 to 1500Z/26.

China Coast: Photographs by China based planes
March 24 showed 50 planes plus 27 trainers 9000 tons merchant
shipping Shanghai, 40 planes Nanking; 2 freighters 1 unidenti-
fied vessel 3 destroyer escorts reported on Northwesterly
course North of Formosa night March 25.

French Indo China: Mindoro search Liberators over
Saigon March 25 reported 4 medium freighter transports 6
others 3000 tons 1 destroyer at least 12 seatrucks; Cape
Saint Jacques, Camranh Bay, Quinhon, Tourane empty.

Borneo: 7 fighters 2 bombers 2 transports sighted
Oelin Airdrome near Banjarmasin March 26.

Philippines: Eighth Army reports 3 Oscars on Fabrica
airdrome (Negros) March 24.

Part 2. Naval: PT boats with cooperating Corsairs
attacked Bongao Island Tawi Tawi and with B 25s attacked Pand-
anan Island South Palawan March 25; Ormoc boats destroyed
fuel laden barge Cebu at night; next morning Allied cruisers
and destroyers bombarded Cebu Island prior landing operations.
Allied units believed sank enemy submarine Cebu towards midnight.
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Air. Operations March 24:

(1) 12 Corsairs swept Panay and Negros Islands, strafed two boats; 32 other Corsairs on patrol and convoy duty from Leyte.

Operations March 25:

(2) B 24 patrols from Mindoro shot down 1 float-plane sank 2 freighter transports 2 coastal vessels damaged 2 freighter transports 10 coastal vessels Saigon.

(3) 21 B 24s bombed Legaspi Bicol Peninsula, 27 other B 24s weathered out same target; 20 A 20s attacked Batangas and San Pablo areas.

(4) 31 P 47s strafed targets of opportunity Cagayan Valley, hit defense positions Northeast Antipolo and gun emplacements Naga Bicol Peninsula; 4 P 38s raided San Pablo area, 46 P 38s divebombed gun positions Legaspi airdrome 29 other P 38s weathered out same target; 84 P 47s on cover and escort duty.

(5) 69 B 24s and 41 A 20s struck Cebu city area caused explosions and fires.

(6) 49 Corsairs on ground support Zamboanga hit designated targets; 27 Corsairs destroyed buildings Bongao Island near Tavi Tavi; 12 B 25s bombed defense positions Pandanan Island South Palawan; 20 Corsairs 6 P 61s on patrol and convoy duty.

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(7) RAAF B 24 from Darwin harassed Kendari airdromes
at night.

Operations March 26:

(8) Search planes damaged 4 seatrucks Southwest
Hong Kong.

(9) 9 B25s on negative shipping sweep Indo China
Coast; 2 other B 25s escorted rescue Catalina.

(10) 16 B 25s weathered out Baguio, 1 flight
bombed Solvec Bay; 6 other B 25s raided enemy held town
Northeast Laguna de Bay; one B 25 and 47 A 20s fired fuel
dumps hit troop concentrations Northern Luzon; 82 Dauntless
demolished pillboxes Solvec Bay struck concentrations Villa
Verde trail.

(11) 12 B 25s and 48 fighter bombers on ground
support Marikina Northeast Manila.

(12) 27 P 38s bombed and strafed enemy positions
near Tuguegarao; 81 P 51s divebombed targets South Aparri
demolished bridges fuel and ammunition dumps Bayombong and
Santa Fe; 12 P 51s attacked Caballo Island; 11 P 38s, 34
P 47s and 16 P 51s on escort and patrol duty.

(13) 3 Venturas raided Negros Island; 18 B 24s
bombed Cebu city.

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(14) 2 B 24s hit barracks buildings destroyed one transport plane damaged one intercepting fighter Celin airdrome southern Borneo, sank small freighter transport off Cape Lojar.

(15) RAAF B 24 harassed Kendari airdromes at night; 2 RAAF ventures strafed coastal vessel bombed bridges Western Soembava.

(16) 6 A 20s bombed coastal targets Wewak; 6 B 25s attacked islands offshore.

Solomons forces. Air
Operations March 25:

(17) 2 Ventures 6 Corsairs 32 B 25s bombed bivouacs and gun positions near Kavieng; adverse weather Rabaul and Bougainville permitted only 1 Ventura 6 Corsairs on patrol.

Land. Luzon: Sixth Army:

I Corps: 33rd Division secured high ground 1700 yards northwest and 2000 yards southwest of Burgos (182990) without opposition. 129 Regimental Combat Team (37th Division) in Bauang area pass to control Commanding General I Corps attached to 33rd Division; 32nd Division secured high ground 3000 yards northwest of Lawican, repulsed enemy counter attack on Villaverde trail, killing 56, 25th Division cleared enemy from area 3700 yards north of Mimuli continued North. Also repulsed 10 enemy attacks in force against positions 3000 yards east southeast of Kapintalan.

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XI Corps: 43rd Division crossed Payna River secured positions 1500 yards north of Mount Balidbiren against automatic weapons fire and patrolled from Mount Tanauan to New BosoBoso without contact; 6th Division patrols reached BosoBoso River against scattered resistance, destroyed isolated enemy pockets 2500 yards west of Mount Yabang; 38th Division advanced to point 4800 yards north Mount Cutino and 5000 yards north northwest Mount Dorat against slight opposition to envelop strong enemy pockets.

XIV Corps: 11th Airborne Division established road block 1400 yards southwest of Lips and redeployed elements; 1st Cavalry Division south Tanauan secured Malvar (004990) without opposition, found Los Banos unoccupied.

Cumulative casualties to date;

203. United States: Killed 4320, wounded 15956, missing

Enemy: Killed 92407, captured 919.

Cebu: 8th Army: American Division reached Lagtang (195425) without opposition met organized opposition 400 yards east of Pardo (220440).

Cumulative casualties to date:

United States: Killed, 2, wounded 15.

Enemy: Killed 88, captured 10,

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Paray: 40th Division patrols encountered small groups
in the Pavia/Mount Tigbaunan area. Cumulative casualties

Cumulative casualties to date.

United States: Killed 9, wounded 38
Enemy: Killed 659, captured 16.

Mindanao: 41st Division consolidated lines along
(038439) to (046438) and (092433) to (100433) against light
to moderate resistance, intensified patrolling all sectors.

Cumulative casualties to March 25:

United States: Killed 121, wounded 555, missing 19.
Enemy: Killed 1630, captured 7.

Part 3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 no details.

3. B 24s dropped 78 tons bombs, A 20s dropped 15
tons bombs, fired 22900 rounds 50 calibre.

4. Bombs dropped included 42 tons type unstated.

5. B 24s dropped 150 300 lb, 589 250 lb, 690 100 lb
bombs from 11,000 to 8,000 feet; A 20s dropped 17 tons demons,
75 100 lb napalms, fired over 29,800 rounds 50 calibre.

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6. Corsairs dropped 28 tons bombs; B 25s dropped
48 500 lb bombs.

7. Dropped 10 100 lb bombs plus beer bottles.

Paragraphs 8 and 9 no details.

(10) B 25s dropped 24 500 lb bombs plus 4 tons
bombs type unstated, fired 11,700 rounds 50 calibre; A 20s
dropped 30 tons parademos plus unstated number 100 lb
napalms, fired 16200 rounds 50 calibre; Dauntless dropped
41 tons bombs.

(11) Dropped 22 1000 lb, 93 500 lb bombs, fired
91,900 rounds 50 calibre.

(12) Expenditure included 64 500 lb bombs 16 tons
bombs type unstated, 90 75 gallon napalms, 22 other napalms.
1104 rounds 20 MM, 56400 rounds 50 calibre.

(13) B 24s dropped 138 1000 lb bombs from 7000
feet.

(14) Dropped 20 250 lb bombs from 9000 feet.

(15) B 24 dropped 10 100 lb bombs plus beer
bottles; Venturas dropped 4 250 lb, 2 100 lb bombs, fired
400 rounds 50, 100 rounds 30 calibre.

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(16) Dropped 48 300 lb bombs, fired 3700 rounds
50 calibre.

(17) B 25s dropped 27 2000 lb, 2 1000 lb bombs,
34 500 lb incendiary clusters; Corsairs dropped 12 325 lb
depth charges.

Air status: Marine Air Group 12 (Corsairs) now
operating from dry weather strip Moret Field Zamboanga.

Allied Air Force preliminary sortie report March 25
and 26: 263 fighters 361 bombers 38 others of which 237
fighters 253 bombers 9 others in Philippines.

End

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INFO: CC/S; CG AAF; ASF; G-2; Statistics;
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DATE 2035			ROUTINE 4
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DECODED BY SANDBERG/RODGERS		CINCPAC ADV HED	OP OP 6
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(CTF 52 SENDS ACTION TO COMFIFTHFLT CTF 51 INFO TO CINCPAC ADV HED AND TF 51 (ECM HOLDERS).)

DURING MORNING TWILIGHT 26 MARCH ABOUT 8 ENEMY PLANES ATTACKED SHIPS NEAR KERAMA RETTO. 1 SPLASHED BY CAP 2 BY SHIPS GUNFIRE. 2 SUICIDERS MISSED SHIPS AND CRASHED. 1 HIT ^(PO) KIMBERLY CAUSING CONSIDERABLE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE WITH 2 5 INCH GUNS 1 40 MM MOUNT BEYOND REPAIR OTHERWISE SHIP OPERABLE.

SUCCESSFUL LANDING SUPPORTED BY EFFECTIVE GUNFIRE AND AIR SUPPORT MADE ON AK/A * GERUMA ZAMAMI HOKAJI YAKABI. OPPOSITION LIGHT. BY NOON KOKAJI GERUMA REPORTED SECURED.

INCOMPLETE REPORTS INDICATE OAP**KIA 71 POW 5 CIVILIANS TAKEN 200. LANDINGS ON KUBA AMURO ^{AMASHIKI(?)} TOKASAIKO** SCHEDULED TOMORROW. MINESWEEPING APPROXIMATELY ON SCHEDULE 3 MOORED MINES SWEEP IN SOUTHERN B 5 AND 15 IN SOUTH B 3 OTHER AREAS NEGATIVE.

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SHIPS GUNFIRE ACCOMPLISHED AS SCHEDULED. CAREFUL AIR OBSERVATION
DISCLOSED NO IMPORTANT DEFENSIVE INSTALLATIONS TONYCHI.**
NO ENEMY FIRE USVLYG** BOMBARDMENT OR AP** MINESWEEPERS PASSING
CLOSE ABOARD. SUPPORT AIRCRAFT IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING LANDINGS
ATTACKED MANY INSTALLATIONS OKINAWA INCLUDING PROBABLE DAMAGES
TO BASE UNTEN KO. 3 SMALL LUGGERS BEACHED AND DESTROYED.
1 TONY SPLASHED BY CAP OF CVE 1 OF OWN PLANES REPORTED SHOT
DOWN NOT CONFIRMED. WICHITA AND TERROR WHILE OFF VREFERREG**
BEACHES REPORTED SUBMARINE ATTACKS AND TORPEDOES PASSING CLOSE
* GNQB** LARGE OIL SLICK AFTER ATTACK ON 1 ENEMY SUB.
CTG 52.2 AT 1913(1) REPORTED HALLIGAN DD 584 TORPEDOED AND
BADLY DAMAGED. CTG 52.11 WITH SEVERAL SHIPS STANDING BY.
NO FURTHER DETAILS.
CASUALTIES IN MORNING AIR ATTACKS GILMER KIA 1 WIA 2 KIMBERLY
KIA 3 WIA 30.

*MISSING GROUP

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COM 7TH FLEET		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
FROM		CINCSWA LEYTE AND LUZON	PRIORITY
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DATE	26 MARCH 1945		DEFERRED
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(COM 7TH FLEET SENDS ACTION CINCSWA LEYTE AND LUZON INFO COMINCH)

AFTER NAVAL BOMBARDMENT THE AMERICAN INFANTRY DIV OF THE 8TH ARMY WAS PUT ASHORE SOUTH OF CEBU CITY

BY AN ATTACK GROUP UNDER THE COMMAND OF CAPTAIN A T SPRAGUE. THE 1ST WAVE LANDED AT 08301 TODAY

MEETING LIGHT OPPOSITION INCLUDING SOME MORTAR FIRE. 9TH WAVE ASHORE BY 10061. SOME LCI UNLOADING INTO

BOATS DUE BAD BEACHING CONDITIONS. TROOPS INLAND 600 YARDS ON RIGHT FLANK. LEFT FLANK ADVANCING UN-

KNOWN DISTANCE. LAND MINES ENCOUNTERED AT EDGE OF COCONUT TREES NEAR BEACH. MINESWEEPS ON 25TH CON-

DUCTED SWEEP OF GUIMARAS CHANNEL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PT'S ON 24/25 DESTROYED 2 FREIGHT CARS ON

CEBU CITYDOCKS ALSO LANDED AND RETRIEVED GUERRILLAS AT BROOKES POINT PALAWAN. NAVY PLANES STRAFED FLOTILLA OF SEA TRUCKS DRIVING 2 ASHORE SOUTH OF FORMOSA AND SETTING ANOTHER AFIRE ON 25TH.

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DECODED BY JOHNSON			BASEGRAM 5
PARAPHRASED BY JOHNSON	CHECKED BY <i>Gray</i>	COMGEN 10 DETACHMENT	OP OP OP 6
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(FROM COMGEN 10. USS TETON PASS ACTION COMGEN 24TH CORPS.
USS MONTAUK PASS INFO COMGEN 10 DETACHMENT FORWARD. COMGEN
3RD PHIB CORPS ALSO ACTION.)

CTF 58 REPORTS THAT PHOTOGRAPHS DISCLOSE WHOLE ISLAND OF
OKINAWA APPEARS TO BE HONEY COMBED WITH CAVES, TUNNELS AND
GUN POSITIONS PARTICULARLY ALONG ROADS. TANKS AND ARMORED
CARS SEEN ENTERING CAVES.

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